



SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

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PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 1300 hours on 2022-02-07.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and s.38 report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

CURRENT STATUS as of 1400 hrs on 2022-02-08:

- at 2000hrs on Monday February 7th a group of 4 farm large farm tractors left the Coutts site northbound in the southbound lanes and blew past checkpoint 3 (CP3) just north of the Coutts location. Members activated their lights and sirens in an attempt to stop the tractors but disengaged when it was obvious they were not stopping. The tractors eventually returned, with an additional 3 large tractors to Coutts and parked near Smugglers Saloon. Patrons of the saloon rushed out to swarm the tractors to provide a level of anonymity to the operators, and all patrons and operators returned into the saloon.
- RCMP shut traffic S/B at CP10 overnight, and re-established traffic flow by 0800hrs today.
- This morning RCMP and Calgary Police investigators arrested Personal Info. for his role on February 3rd in unlawfully inciting protesters to interfere with essential infrastructure (blocking the highway). Pawlowski was charged with offences under the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, Criminal Code (Mischief) and Breaching an existing Recognizance.



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- At 1300hrs a second farm tractor incident occurred where 6 tractors left the Coutts location and completed laps around CP3, and returned to Coutts. Again, patrons of Smugglers Saloon swarmed the occupants and escorted them back to the saloon before identifications could be established.
- Traffic flow was re-established and currently at the main site in Coutts a single lane of travel is open in each direction allowing for restricted movement of traffic.
- At the main site in Coutts currently 19 semi-trucks and 5 farm tractors are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 20 are lining the southbound lanes along with 5 farm tractors, for a total of 39 commercial vehicles and 10 tractors.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 the amount of protesters remain fluid. At last count there were 15 commercial vehicles, 41 RV's, approximately 108 passenger vehicles, and 9 farm vehicles.
- Coutts site is currently calm, pressure site is still CP10 where there are more vehicles and foot traffic.
- Sufficient Diesel, Propane and gas stockpiled to keep involved vehicles running in cold weather at Coutts location.
- Non protest related traffic transiting Checkpoint 10 and Coutts site quickly to access Border- very minimal delays.
- Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open (both close at 2200).
- The need for heavy equipment to clear the highway of vehicles still exists and will be critical for any enforcement action.
- CCMG is still working hard with the community to develop a process to move the protesters at checkpoint 10 to an area that would allow them to have a legal protest, this would enhance police and public safety.
- Traffic is flowing, unimpeded at the time of this report, through the border crossing in both the north and south lanes.
- CCMG continue to maintain communication with the organizers at both the main site and checkpoint 10.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Media releases continue to be disseminated when required.
- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts is being used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, comments have turned negative towards law enforcement throughout the day.



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MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

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